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NASEO Joins National Council

The National Council is pleased to announce that the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) has accepted an invitation to join NARUC and NCSL as partners in the National Council. The addition of NASEO will strengthen the Council's research programs and enhance the Council's contributions to the ongoing debates regarding the structure of the nation's electric system.

NASEO's appointments to the National Council's Steering Committee are: Richard Sedano, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service; William Keese, Chairman of the California Energy Commission; Frederick Hoover Jr., Director of the Maryland Energy Administration; and Patrick Meier, Wisconsin Energy Bureau Director.

Council Chair Richard Cowart offered his warm welcome to NASEO's representatives, saying "NASEO's participation as a member in the Council is a logical extension of their shared interests in the critical energy policy initiatives that the Council pursues."

Currently, the Council is following up on its successful national executive dialogue on consumer information disclosure and its successful venture facilitating a model customer information disclosure rule for New England by assisting in similar regional initiatives among eleven Western States, and throughout the midwestern and mid-Atlantic regions. The Council expects to release a report soon on securitization and begin a project on assessing the impact of restructuring on underserved communities.

New NCSL Representative Named

Representative Brian Thomas of Washington State has joined the National Council's Steering Committee as a representative of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Thomas is Chair of the House Finance Committee and serves on the House Energy and Utilities Committee.

Rep. Thomas worked over 33 years in the electric utility industry, retiring last year as the Principal Engineer and Research Director at Puget Sound Power & Light Co., now Puget Sound Energy. He has a degree in engineering from Oregon State University, an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University, and attended the University of Washington law school.

Having served over 20 years on Electric Power Research Institute advisory committees, Thomas has a broad background in energy research. He has chaired ERPI's Renewable Resources Committee and the Edison Electric Institute's Research Management committee. Thomas also served on the advisory board of the National Renewable Research Laboratory in Golden, CO.

The National Council welcomes Representative Thomas.

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Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

NCSL Annual Meeting.

July 20-23, 1998. Las Vegas, NV.

NARUC Summer Committee Meetings.

July 26-29, 1998. Seattle WA.

NASEO Annual Meeting.

September 13-16, 1998. Stowe, VT.

National Council Steering Committee Meeting.

November 12, 1998. Orlando, FL (Tentative).

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National Council Publications on Electric Industry Restructuring

Research Reports

Federal, State, and Local Tax Implications of Electric Industry Restructuring (Deloitte & Touche, 1996)

Assessing Impacts of Restructuring on Small Business, Residential, and Low-Income Customers (Roger D. Colton, 1996)

The Unintended Impacts of Restructuring (Dave Schoengold, 1996)

The Organization of Competitive Wholesale Power Markets and Spot Price Pools (Paul A. Centolella, 1996)

Stranded Benefits in Electric Utilities Restructuring (Nancy Brockway & Michael Sherman, 1996)

The British Electric Utility Restructuring Experience: History and Lessons for the U.S. (Michael C. Brower, Stephen D. Thomas, & Catherine Mitchell, 1996)

Regulation and Competition Without Privatization: Norway's Experience (Jan Moen & Jan Hamrin, Printed in *The Electricity Journal*, March 1996)

Public-Interest Research and Development in the Electric and Gas Utility Industries (Carl Blumstein, Richard Scheer, and Stephen Wiel, 1998)

Briefing Papers

Customer Choice (Cheryl Harrington, 1996)

Electric Utility Transition Costs (Eric Hirst & Lester Baxter, 1996)

Market Power in the Electric Utility Industry: An Overview (William Shepherd, 1997)

Restructuring Issues Associated with Nuclear Power Plants (William B. Marcus, 1997)

Regional Issues in Restructuring the Electric Industry (Sue Tierney, 1998)

Disclosure Series

Full Environmental Disclosure for Electricity: Tracking and Reporting Key Information (David Moskovitz et al., July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups (Alan S. Levy et al., July 1997)

Disclosure of Fuel Mix and Emissions by Retail Electric Service Providers: Issues of Confidentiality vs. Public Right to Know (Scott Hempling, July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 2 — West Coast (Mario Teisel et. al., 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 3 — Rocky Mountain West (Lynn Halverson & Edward Holt, 1997)

Uniform Consumer Disclosure Standards for New England: Report and Recommendations to the New England Utility Regulatory Commissions (Tom Austin et al., January 1998)

Information Consumers Want in Electricity Choice, Summary of Focus Group Research (Ed Holt, January 1998)

Summary Report, Baseline Survey — Consumer Knowledge, Practices, and Attitudes, Electric Utility Deregulation and Consumer Choice (Kenneth Winneg et al., January 1998)

Model Electricity Consumer Protection Disclosures (Jerrold Oppenheim and Barbara Alexander, April 1998)

Label Testing: Results of Mall Intercept Study (Kenneth Winneg et al., April 1998)

Other

Council Design Criteria List (Jan Hamrin, 1995)

Six Generic Restructuring Models (Jan Hamrin, 1995)

A Glossary of Restructuring Terms

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